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SUBJECT: BUSINESS VISIT TO US BY LEOPOLDO RODRIGUEZ.

PASS COMMERCE.

LEOPOLDO RODRIGUEZ, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF CANTIERI NAVALI RODRIGUEZ (RODRIGUEZ SHIPYARD), MESSINA, ITALY, WELL KNOWN BUILDER OF HYDRAFOIL BOATS, PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON DURING MONTH OF JULY. WHILE IN US HE HOPES TO RETAIN SERVICES OF A PURCHASING AGENT TO BUY EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FR HIS HYDROFOIL, SHIP REPAIR, AND RAILWAY ACTIVITIES. RODRIGUEZ WILL BE MEETING WITH GRUMMAN AIRCRAFT IN NEW YORK AND HAMILTON-STANDARD IN WINDSOR LOCKS.

RODRIGUEZ IS ONE OF THE LARGEST PRIVATE IMPORTERS OF AMERICAN MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT IN SICILY, AND ANY ASSISTANCE THAT CAN BE RENDERED BY DEPT OF COMMERCE OR ITS NEW YORK REGIONAL OFFICE WILL BE MOST APPRECIATED SINCE HIS FINDING THE RIGHT AGENT WOULD GREATLY FACILITATE INCREASING HIS PURCHASES FROM US. RODRIGUEZ SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL.

RODRIGUEZ IS ALSO SEEKING MEDICAL TREATMENT AT THE LAHEY CLINIC IN BOSTON, AND HE CANNOT SAY NOW WHETHER HE WILL CALL AT COMMERCE'S WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK OFFICE. HE WOULD, HOWEVER, LIKE TO BE ABLE TO FURNISH RODRIGUEZ WITH NAME OF SPECIFIC CONTACT AT EITHER PLACE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE ON JULY 7.

A TELEGRAPHIC REPLY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

RODRIGUEZ WILL BEAR THE CONSUL GENERAL'S LETTER OF INTRODUCTION. BUSINESS INVITATION FORM BEING POUCHED TO COMMERCE SEPARATELY.

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